

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): ~~Luster pigments~~ A silver-colored pigment for pigmenting macromolecular materials, comprising:

a platelet-shaped ~~metallic~~ aluminum substrate; ~~coated with and~~

a coating provided on all sides of the aluminum substrate;

wherein the coating consists of:

a low refractive dielectric layer which that does not absorb visible light, the layer consisting essentially of at least one of silicon dioxide and silicon oxide hydrate and having a thickness of from 250 to 450 nm; and

an optional colorless outside layer comprising a surface-modifying agent that enhances compatibility of the pigment with the macromolecular materials.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The ~~luster pigments~~ silver-colored pigment of claim 1, wherein said dielectric layer has a refractive index $n < 1.8$.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The ~~luster pigments~~ silver-colored pigment of claim 1, wherein said dielectric layer is from ~~100 to 800 nm~~ 300 to 400 nm in thickness.

Claims 4-7 (Cancelled)

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The ~~luster pigments~~ silver-colored pigment of claim 1, wherein ~~said the pigment is suitable for pigmenting macromolecular materials to be pigmented are selected from the group consisting of~~ plastics, coatings, painting and printing colors, inks, glasses ~~or and~~ inorganic/organic composites.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): ~~Macromolecular~~ A macromolecular pigmented
~~materials~~ material comprising ~~said luster pigments~~ the silver-colored pigment of claim 1.